

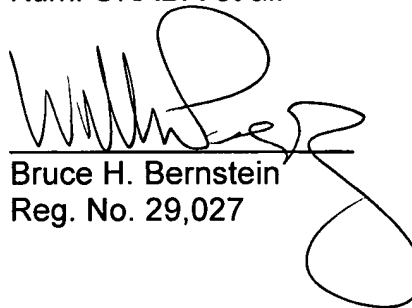
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

By the present paper, a new set of claims are submitted to provide applicants the scope of protection to which they are entitled. The present amendment is not made in view of any prior art and thus does not give rise to any estoppel.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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